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100 51 943 A1 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,527,728 B2 and European Patent No. 0 902 883 (copy not available) is the PCT National Publication of WO 97/46854 (copy enclosed) and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,226,598. The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in the specification and/or an International Search Report (ISR). A copy of the ISR is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and make them of record in the file of this application.

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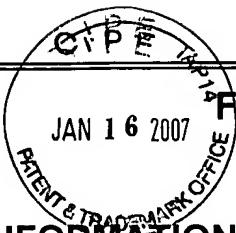
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